

Calendar No. 276

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 236

Supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 14, 2007

Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY 20, 2007

Reported by Mr. LEAHY, without amendment

RESOLUTION

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Whereas a Harris Interactive Survey discovered that of men and women 18 years of age and older, 61 percent of those surveyed did not know all the lyrics of the first stanza of the national anthem, and of those who answered the question affirmatively, 58 percent had re-

ceived at least 5 years of music education while growing up;

Whereas an ABC News poll revealed that more than 1 in 3 Americans (38 percent) do not know that the official name of the national anthem is “The Star-Spangled Banner”, less than 35 percent of American teenagers can name Francis Scott Key as the author of the national anthem, and as few as 15 percent of American youth can sing the words to the anthem from memory;

Whereas the national anthem, “The Star-Spangled Banner”, holds a special place in the hearts and minds of the American people as a symbol of national unity, resolve, and willingness to sacrifice in order to preserve the Nation’s sacred heritage of freedom;

Whereas the National Anthem Project has inspired the American people to have a greater appreciation of their patriotic musical heritage while learning American history;

Whereas music educators are the among the leading caretakers of this important piece of our Nation’s heritage, in that many students learn the national anthem in music class;

Whereas our Nation’s future is enhanced by the quality of the historic knowledge and awareness provided to children of all ages through learning about the national anthem, and that high-quality music education represents a worthy commitment to our children and our Nation’s future; and

Whereas, the national anthem is the symbol of American ideals and freedom around the world: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

- 1 (1) supports the goals and ideals of the Na-
2 tional Anthem Project;
- 3 (2) commends the American citizens who have
4 participated in this project; and
- 5 (3) encourages the people of the United States
6 to learn the national anthem, “The Star-Spangled
7 Banner”, and its proud history.

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